

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
for
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015**

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Ben Franklin at 7:02 PM in the Family Life Center of Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

B. Present: All less Commissioner Kirkwood and City Attorney Jobson were present.

Guests: None

C. Minutes for the meeting held May 11, 2015 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as read.

Motion made by: Barbour Seconded: Westfall

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 235,315.39 in available funds--- \$ 194,845.63 in the General Fund and \$ 40,469.76 in the Road Fund.

Mr. Kirchgessner advised the Commissioners that the increase in the Road Fund was due to a transfer of funds to pay for the Druid Hills Road paving project. He also mentioned the Municipal Aid line item in the budget--- he expects to make up the deficit in this account by the end of the Fiscal Year.

2. Final discussion on Budget assumptions for FY 2015/2016.

Mr. Kirchgessner again reviewed the major line items in the City budget and his projections for FY 2015/2016 (see pages 5-7 of his report). He has included \$ 4,000.00 in the Road Fund to pay for street sign maintenance (see bid from Eagle Sign Co.). Mr. Kirchgessner also increased the insurance line item to reflect a

\$ 300.00 increase in the City's general liability and workmen's compensation premiums through Kentucky League of Cities insurance.

3. Calculation of 2015 property tax rate.

Mr. Kirchgessner showed his calculations on page 8 of his report. The rate will be \$ 0.101 per \$ 100.00 in real value. This rate will not change even with the 2015 PVA assessment disputes currently being investigated.

4. Summary of April 6, 2015 KY League of Cities presentation on city finances.

Mr. Kirchgessner asked if any of the Commissioners had questions about the power point printout he distributed at the May meeting. None of the Commissioners had any questions.

5. Second Reading of City Ordinance No. 1-2015, establishing the City of Druid Hills budget for FY 2015/2016.

Mayor Franklin read the ordinance. The Commissioners approved the budget ordinance unanimously.

6. Second Reading of City Ordinance No. 2-2015, establishing the City of Druid Hills tax rate for real property for FY 2015/2016.

Mayor Franklin read the ordinance. The Commissioners approved the property tax ordinance unanimously.

Mayor Franklin reminded the City Clerk that state statute requires that both the budget and the property tax ordinances be mailed to all residents after they have been approved by the Commissioners. Ms. Westfall will prepare the mailing for July.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Davidson

Seconded: Barbour

- E. City Attorney Report:** Items which require a legal opinion.
No report--- the City Attorney did not attend this meeting.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Status report on new City web-site.

Commissioner Kirkwood was absent from the meeting but had advised everyone via email that the new web-site was up and running. The City Clerk emailed all 2015 Treasurer's Reports, Meeting Agendas, and Meeting Minutes to Mr. Kirkwood to post on the site.

2. City street sign maintenance recommendations.

Commissioner Barbour presented a revised bid from Eagle Sign Co. to refurbish the City's street signs. If the City keeps the current sign hangers and has them cleaned and painted the cost would be ~ \$ 3,274.00. However, the hangers would rust and the paint would fail again in the future.

If the City replaces the sign hangers with aluminum hangers, they will not rust in the future. The cost for this option would be ~ \$ 4200.00 depending on the hanger style selected.

The Commissioners discussed the options and looked at sign graphics submitted by Eagle. They voted to get new hangers with scrolls. Commissioner Barbour will get a final bid from Eagle with the selections made at the meeting. Work will be done in FY 2015/2016.

3. Druid Hills Road paving project complete.

City Clerk Westfall reported that this project has been completed. Mayor Franklin had a couple of issues that he wanted Louisville Paving to look at before he authorized payment. Ms. Westfall has contacted the company with these items and asked that they address them as soon as possible.

4. Request from Michael Odea, 3911 Napanee Rd.

City Clerk Westfall advised that Mr. Odea has requested that both his yellow trash can and his recycling bin be picked-up by WMI. Commissioner Barbour has already notified the company of this request.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree removal approvals.

The following permits were approved this month:

- * Clare Cullen--- 4023 Druid Hills Rd.
- * Caroline Westfall--- 401 Chenoweth Lane

2. Request for Plan approvals:

- * Bill Simpson--- 3937 Elfin Ave.

Mayor Franklin will notify Mr. Simpson when his request is approved.

3. Community events:

Mayor Franklin reported on the Kentucky League of Cities meeting featuring the Jefferson County PVA on Thursday, 5/14/15. The PVA is under investigation about the ~ 25% increase in property value assessments for 2015. Residents of Druid Hills also saw their property values increase substantially.

Commissioner Davidson, (a realtor), explained that assessments are driven by comparable house sales in the area. Druid Hills continues to be a desirable part of town in which to live; houses that go up for sale in our area generally sell well and do not stay on the market for long. This sales history provides the data for the PVA increase.

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I. Next Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2015 at Broadway Baptist Church,
4000 Brownsboro Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.